(Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (MMDR) Act, be amended to provide that where the State Government has not passed an order within the prescribed time frame the Central Government may pass an appropriate order, after giving an opportunity to the State Government of being heard. State Governments, as the owners of the minerals grant mineral concessions and there is no deprivation of this power.

(c) Yes, Sir. As per the MMDR Act, 1957, the Central Government shall enhance the rate of royalty in respect of any mineral only once in a period of three years. Since the last revision of rates was done on 14/10/2004, next revision of rates would be possible after 13/10/2007.

Quantum of bauxite in Jharkhand

†469. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of bauxite assessed in Jharkhand location-wise;

(b) the consumption of bauxite in the State and the quantum of bauxite being demanded to send out of the State; and

(c) the companies which have been alowed for mining of bauxite in the State?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) As informed by Indian Bureau of Mines, the total resources of bauxite in Jharkhand State as on 1.4.2005 (provisional) are placed at 1,19,822 thousand tonnes. The district wise resources of bauxite in Jharkhand State as on 1.4.2005 (provisional) are as under:

(Thousand tonnes)

District	Reserves	Remaining Resources	Total Resources
Dumka	0	12,830	12,830
Gumla	20,217	60,626	80,843
Lataehar	2,642	2,919	5,561
Lohardaga	10,337	5,427	15,764
Palamau	0	4,824	4,824
TOTAL:	33,196	86,626	1,19,822

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The estimated consumption of bauxite in Jharkhand is around 4,19,000 tonnes. During 2005-06, the production of bauxite in the State was 15,14,000 tonnes. Out of this, 12,55,304 tonnes was for captive purpose of HINDALCO and the remaining for non-captive purposes.

(c) As per information received from Indian Bureau of Mines, the particulars of companies/persons who have been granted leases for mining of bauxite in the State of Jharkhand as on 31.3.2005 are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

List of companies/persons granted mining lease of bauxite in the State of Jharkhand as on 31.03.2005

1. Kailash Jain
2. Umesh Pd. Agrawal
3. B.N. Mahendru
4. O.P. Gupta
5. Sri Jagmohan Lal Gupta
6. S.S. Enterprises
7. Anil Kumar Jain
8. Vasudev Harjiwan Pathak
9. Shivaji Tiwari
10. Searda Mica Mining Co.
11. M. Mittal
12. Madanmohan Prasad Singh
13. Late Chandrakant Tulsidas Popat
14. Gyanchand Prasad Agrawal
15. B.P. Agarwala
16. Hindustan Aluminium Corpn. Ltd. (HINDALCO)
17. Indian Aluminium Co. Ltd. (now HINDALCO)

18. Jag Mohan Lal Gupta
19. Avdhesh Kumar Singh
20. Madan Mohan Prasad Singh
21. P.S. Garg
22. Pavan Kumar Potdar
23. Rajhans Refractories Pvt. Ltd.
24. Shiv Prasad Poddar
25. M/s. Ceramic Company Ltd.
26. M/s. Minerals and Minerals Co. Ltd.
27. Smt. Jayawali Kumari Bhagat
28. Arvind Kumar Singh
29. Gandharv Uranv
30. Smt. Leeladevi Pandey
31. Smt. Beena Rani Agrawal
32. Jitendra Bhai Patel
33. Madan Mohan Prasad Singh
34. Vishnu Ch. Chowdhari

Illegal mining activity

470. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the illegal activity and chances of accidents in mining are considerably more with intensified mining in our growing economy; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the safety and working conditions of the mining population in the backdrop of the fact that fifty four miners have lost their lives in the bowels of earth at Dhanbad recently?